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[For the Federal Communications Commission statement of organization, see the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 47, Part 0]

The Federal Communications Commission regulates interstate and foreign communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable. It is responsible for the orderly development and operation of broadcast services and the provision of rapid, efficient nationwide and worldwide telephone and telegraph services at reasonable rates. Its responsibilities also include the use of communications for promoting safety of life and property and for strengthening the national defense.

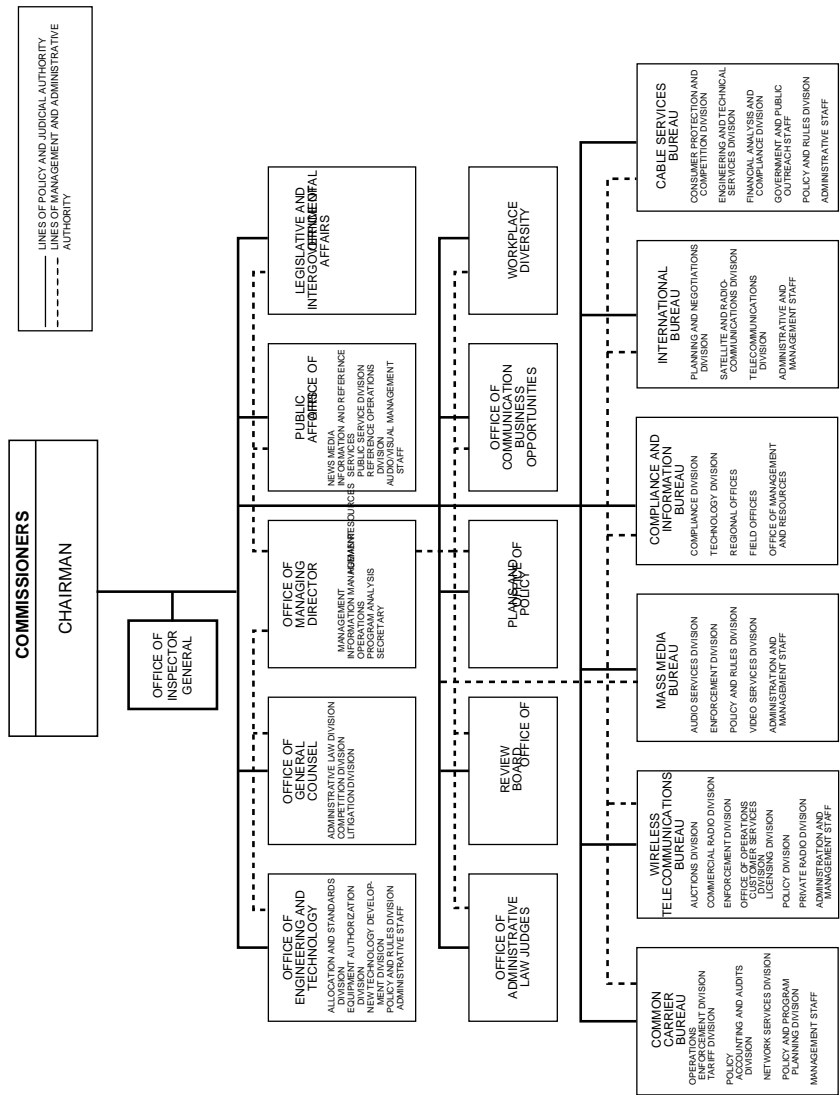
The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was created by the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*) to regulate interstate and foreign communications by wire and radio in the public interest. The Commission was assigned additional regulatory jurisdiction under the provisions of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 701-744), and a major overhaul of the Communications Act of 1934 was enacted with passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat. 56). The scope of FCC regulation includes radio and

television broadcasting; telephone, telegraph, and cable television operation; two-way radio and radio operators; and satellite communication.

The Commission is composed of five members, who are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. One of the members is designated by the President as Chairman.

To assist the Commission in exercising its responsibility in the adjudicatory process, there is a Review Board to review initial decisions and write

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decisions and the Office of the General Counsel to assist the Commission and individual Commissioners in the disposition of matters arising in cases of adjudication (as defined in the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. note prec. 551)) that have been designated for hearings. There also is a corps of administrative law judges, qualified and appointed pursuant to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, who conduct evidentiary adjudicatory hearings and write initial decisions.

Activities

Mass Media The Mass Media Bureau administers the regulatory program for amplitude modulation (AM), frequency modulation (FM), television, low-power TV, translators, multipoint distribution service (MDS), instructional TV, and auxiliary services. The Bureau issues construction permits, operating licenses, and renewals or transfers of such broadcast licenses except for broadcast auxiliary services. It also oversees compliance by broadcasters with statutes and Commission policies.

For further information, contact the Mass Media Bureau. Phone, 202-418-2600.

Common Carrier Communications The Common Carrier Bureau administers the regulatory program for interstate common carrier communications by telephone. Common carriers include companies, organizations, or individuals providing communications services to the public for hire, who must serve all who wish to use them at established rates. In providing interstate communications services, common carriers may employ landline wire or electrical or optical cable facilities.

For further information, contact the Common Carrier Bureau. Phone, 202-418-1500.

Wireless Telecommunications The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau administers all domestic commercial and private wireless telecommunications programs and rules. The commercial wireless services include cellular, paging, personal communications,

specialized mobile radio, air-ground, and basic exchange telecommunications services. The private wireless services generally serve the specialized internal communications needs of eligible users, and include the public safety, microwave, aviation, and marine services. Additionally, the Bureau serves as FCC's principal policy and administrative resource with regard to all spectrum auctions. It also implements the compulsory provisions of laws and treaties covering the use of radio for the safety of life and property at sea and in the air. The commercial and amateur radio operator programs are also administered by the Bureau.

For further information, contact the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Phone, 202-418-0600.

International Bureau The International Bureau manages all FCC international telecommunications and satellite programs and policies, and has the principal representational role on behalf of the Commission at international conferences, meetings, and negotiations. The Bureau consists of three divisions: Telecommunications, Satellite and Radiocommunication, and Planning and Negotiations.

The Telecommunications Division develops and administers policy, rules, and procedures for the regulations of telecommunications facilities and services under section 214 of the Communications Act and Cable Landing License Act. In addition, the Division develops and administers regulatory assistance and training programs in conjunction with the administration's global information infrastructure (GII) initiative.

The Satellite and Radiocommunication Division develops and administers policy, rules, standards, and procedures for licensing and regulation of satellite and earth station facilities, both international and domestic, and oversight of Comsat as the U.S. Signatory to INTELSAT and Inmarsat.

The Planning and Negotiations Division represents the Commission in negotiations of international agreements with Mexico, Canada, and other

countries on the coordination and notification of domestic radio frequency assignments and resolution of international radio interference involving U.S. licensees. The Division processes license applications and conducts international coordination for high frequency (HF) international broadcast stations and acts on applications for delivery of broadcast programs to foreign stations. In support of International Bureau policy planning, the Division also maintains information databanks, conducts special studies, and issues reports on international developments in communications industry facilities, pricing and market structures, foreign regulatory changes, and technology developments.

For further information, contact the International Bureau. Phone, 202-418-0420.

Cable Services Communications The Cable Services Bureau develops, recommends, and administers policies and programs for the regulation of cable television systems. The Bureau advises and recommends to the Commission, or acts for the Commission under delegated authority, in matters pertaining to the regulation and development of cable television. The Bureau is responsible for:

- investigating complaints and answering general inquiries from the public;
- planing and developing proposed rulemakings and conducting comprehensive studies and analyses (legal, social, and economic) of various petitions for policy or rule changes;
- processing applications for authorizations in the cable television relay service;
- participating in hearings before Administrative Law Judges, the Review Board, and the Commission;
- conducting studies and compiling data relating to the cable industry for the Commission to develop and maintain an adequate regulatory program;
- collaborating and coordinating with State and local authorities in matters involving cable television systems; and
- advising and assisting the public, other Government agencies, and industry

groups on cable television regulation and related matters.

Engineering and Technology The Office of Engineering and Technology administers the Table of Frequency Allocations which specifies the frequency ranges that can be utilized by various radio services. The Office also administers the Experimental Radio Service and the Equipment Authorization Program. The Experimental Radio Service permits the public to experiment with new uses of radio frequencies. This allows development of radio equipment and exploration of new radio techniques prior to licensing under other regulatory programs. The Equipment Authorization Program includes several specific procedures by which the agency approves radio equipment as a prerequisite to importation, marketing, or use. The procedures range from Commission testing of equipment samples for compliance with applicable standards, through FCC review of applications and accompanying test reports submitted by the applicants, to a self-authorization procedure whereby a manufacturer certifies that the product complies with the standards.

For further information, contact the Office of Engineering and Technology. Phone, 202-418-2470.

Compliance Much of the investigative and enforcement work of the Commission is carried out by its field staff. The Compliance and Information Bureau has 3 regional offices and 35 field offices. It also operates a nationwide fleet of mobile radio direction-finding vehicles for technical enforcement purposes. The field staff, in effect, are the Commission's "eyes and ears" in detecting radio violations and enforcing rules and regulations. Continuous surveillance of the radio spectrum is maintained to detect unlicensed operation and activities or nonconforming transmissions, and to furnish radio bearings on ships and planes in distress. The Bureau also administers public information programs aimed at educating Commission licensees, industry, and the general

public to improve compliance with FCC rules and regulations.

For further information, contact the Compliance and Information Bureau. Phone, 202-418-1100.

Regional and Field Offices—Federal Communications Commission
Compliance and Information Bureau

Regional Office	Address	Regional Director
Kansas City, MO	Rm. 320, Brywood Office Twr., 8800 E. 63d St., 64133	Dennis P. Carlton
Park Ridge, IL	Rm. 306, Park Ridge Office Ctr., 1550 Northwest Hwy., 60068-1460.	Russell D. Monie
San Francisco, CA	Rm. 420, 3777 Depot Rd., Hayward, CA 94545-2756	Serge Marti-Volkoff
Field Office	Address	Engineer in Charge
Allegan, MI	P.O. Box 89, 49010-9437	James M. Roop
Anchorage, AK	6721 W. Raspberry Rd., 99502-1896	Marlene Windel
Atlanta, GA	Rm. 320, 3575 Koger Blvd., Duluth, GA, 30136-4958	Fred L. Broce
Belfast, ME	P.O. Box 470, 04915-0470	Barry A. Bohac
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Cerritos, CA	Rm. 660, 1800 Studebaker Rd., 90701-3684	James R. Zoulek
Columbia, MD	P.O. Box 250, 21045-9998	(Vacancy)
Custer, WA	1330 Loomis Trail Rd., 98240-9303	(Vacancy)
Dallas, TX	Rm. 1170, 9330 LBJ Fwy., 75243-3429	James D. Wells
Denver, CO	Rm. 860, 165 S. Union Blvd., 80228-2213	Leo E. Cirbo
Douglas, AZ	P.O. Box 6, 85608	Stephen Y. Tsuya
Farmington Hills, MI	24897 Hathaway St., 48335-1552	James A. Bridgewater
Grand Island, NE	P.O. Box 1588, 68802-1588	James H. Berrie, Jr.
Hato Rey, PR	Rm. 747, Federal Bldg., 00918-1713	William C. Berry
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New York, NY	201 Varick St., 10014-4870	Alexander J. Zimney
Park Ridge, IL	Rm. 306, 1550 Northwest Hwy., 60068-1460	George M. Moffitt
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San Diego, CA	Rm. 370, 4542 Ruffner St., 92111-2216	William H. Grisby
Tampa, FL	Rm. 1215, 2203 N. Lois Ave., 33607-2356	Ralph M. Barlow
Vero Beach, FL	P.O. Box 1730, 32961-1730	Robert C. McKinney
Virginia Beach, VA	1200 Communications Cir., 23455-3725	Joseph P. Husnay
Waipahu, HI	P.O. Box 1030, 96797-1030	Jack Shedletsky

Sources of Information

Inquiries for information on the special subjects listed in the following paragraphs and those concerning licensing/grant requirements in the various services may be directed to the person or office specified or to the Chief of the Bureau or Office listed below as having responsibility for the service:
Federal Communications Commission,
1919 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20554.

Licensing/Grant Responsibility—Federal Communications Commission

Service	Bureau or Office
All broadcasting (except broadcast auxiliary services) and multipoint distribution services	Mass Media Bureau
Cable television relay radio	Cable Services Bureau
Cable TV rate regulation	
Cable TV relay services (CARS)	
Cable signal leakage	
Cable television questions	
Registration of cable systems	
Common carrier radio	Common Carrier Bureau
Section 214 of FCC Act	Office of Engineering and Technology
Experimental radio	
Equipment approval services:	
Certification	Office of Engineering and Technology
Type acceptance	

Licensing/Grant Responsibility—Federal Communications Commission—Continued

Service	Bureau or Office
Type approval Notification Verification	
Amateur radio	Wireless Telecommuni- cations Bureau
Auxiliary broadcast services	
Aviation radio	
Commercial radio operators	
Common carrier microwave services	
Interactive video and data services	
Land mobile radio	
Marine radio	
Private microwave radio	
International Section 214 International high frequency broadcast stations	International Bureau
Satellite Earth stations	
Satellite space stations	
Section 325-C applications	

Advisory Committee Management
Direct inquiries to the Associate
Managing Director for Program Analysis.
Phone, 202-418-0442.

Consumer Assistance Inquiries
concerning general information on
Commission operations and public
participation in the decisionmaking
process should be addressed to the
Public Service Division, Room 254,
1919 M Street NW., Washington, DC
20554. Phone, 202-418-0200.

Contracts and Procurement Direct
inquiries to the Chief, Acquisitions
Branch. Phone, 202-418-0930.

Employment and Recruitment The
Commission's programs require
attorneys, electronics engineers,
economists, accountants, administrative
management and computer specialists,
and clerical personnel. Requests for
employment information should be
directed to the Chief, Personnel
Resources Division. Phone, 202-418-
0130.

Equal Employment Practices by Industry
Direct inquiries to the Chief, Public
Service Division. Phone, 202-418-0200.

Internal Equal Employment Practices
Direct Inquiries to the Director, Office of
Workplace Diversity. Phone, 202-776-
1887.

Ex-Parte Presentations Information
concerning ex-parte presentations should
be directed to the Commission's Office
of General Counsel. Phone, 202-418-
1720.

Fees Inquiries concerning the
Commission's Fee Program should be
addressed to the Public Service Division,
Room 254, 1919 M Street NW.,
Washington, DC 20554. Phone, 202-
418-0192.

**Information Available for Public
Inspection** At the Commission's
headquarters office in Washington, DC,
dockets concerning rulemaking and
adjudicatory matters, copies of
applications for licenses and grants, and
reports required to be filed by licensees
and cable system operators are
maintained in the public reference
rooms (some reports are by law held
confidential). General information is also
available from the Commission's Internet
site @ fcc.gov and through fax-on-
demand, 202-418-2830. In addition to
the information available at the
Commission, each broadcasting station
makes available for public reference
certain information pertaining to the
operation of the station, a current copy
of the application filed for license, and
nonconfidential reports filed with the
Commission. Special requests for
inspection of records at the
Commission's offices should be directed
to the Managing Director. Phone, 202-
418-1919. The Library has on file
Commission rules and regulations.
Phone, 202-418-0450. The Office of
Public Affairs distributes publications,
public notices, and press releases.
Phone, 202-418-0500.

For further information, contact the Public Service Division, Federal Communications Commission, 1919
M Street NW., Washington, DC 20554. Phone, 202-418-0200.